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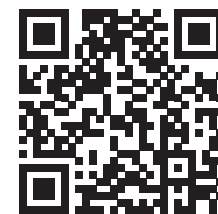
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Say the sounds.

If your child needs help, point to the picture and read the word to them.

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picture

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walk

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glove

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monkey

mb



thumb

Read the focus words.

adventure

climbed

walk

peered

cheering

worried

money

covered

wonderful

Read the exception words.

Parts of these words cannot be sounded out at this level.
Read the word to your child if they need help.

busy

clothes

search

shoe

fruit

whole

listen

build

neighbours

Kit and Sam arrived at the busy airport in Kanpur. They felt dizzy from the wave of heat that hit them. Kit hunted for familiar faces in the crowd. “Look! There’s Ankit,” he cried.

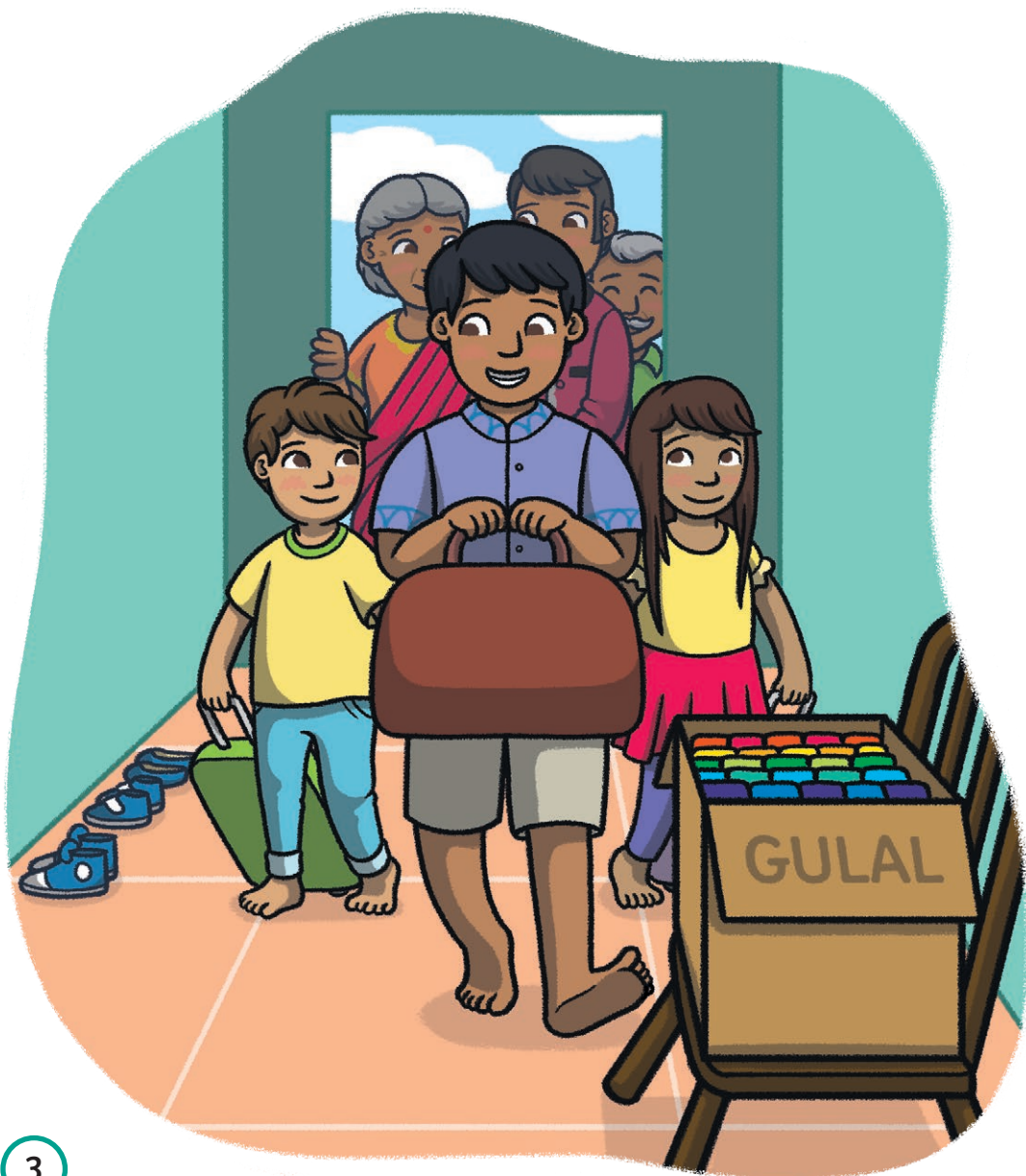


Kit and Sam were excited to be back in India and were ready for an adventure. Kit wanted to eat as many mouth-watering Indian sweets as he could. Sam was eager to visit the market again.



“Can we go to the market now?” asked Sam as she peered through the window of the taxi.

“You must be tired,” said Uncle Ravi. “Let’s get you settled in.” Kit and Sam took off their shoes and closely followed Ankit through the door.



In his hurry, Ankit tripped on a chair leg and crashed into a box. Lots of brightly coloured packets exploded on the floor.



Kit and Sam bent down to help tidy up. “Gulal? What are these for?” asked Kit.

“They’re for the colour fight!” replied Ankit with a grin.

Kit and Sam looked at each other excitedly.

Later that evening, the family crowded around the table for dinner.

“I need to tell you about all the fun things we’ll be doing for Holi!” exclaimed Ankit.

Kit and Sam listened carefully to what Ankit had to say.

“We’re going to have a big bonfire, we’ll go to the temple and we’ll go into the city for the colour fight!”



Kit and Sam could not wait for the next few days.

The next day, Kit and Sam woke to the yummy smell of poori drifting into their room. They quickly got up and raced downstairs.



"We thought we'd go to the market today," said Dada.

Dadi leaned in closely. "Here's some pocket money. Get yourselves something nice," she whispered.

The market was noisy with the shouts of market sellers. The smells of spices filled the air and there were vivid colours all around.

Sam stopped to look at one of the stalls. It was selling so many interesting things. She chose a colourful bracelet to try on.



“That is lovely,” said Mum. “You will look after it, won’t you?”

Sam was delighted. “I will, Mum! I love it so much.”

While Kit paid for his sweets, Dadi and Dada visited the next stall. Dadi beckoned to the children. They followed her inside and were amazed by what they saw. The stall was full of beautiful clothes.



"It's about time that we got you some new clothes for visiting the temple," said Dada.



"You look very smart," said Dadi, proudly.
"Even you, dear Ankit," she laughed.

The following day, everyone put on their finest clothes and visited the temple. Kit and Sam admired the flowers and garlands that surrounded them.

The children left fresh fruit as an offering to the god Krishna.



The grown-ups spent the afternoon building the bonfire. Kit, Sam and Ankit waited for it to get dark.

“It’s finally time to light the fire!” said Kit eagerly.



Over the crackling bonfire, Dada told them the story of Holi.



“This story reminds us that goodness and loyalty will always win over evil,” he explained.

It was the day of the colour fight. The balloons were ready and it was nearly time to set off.

“I hope you’re ready to get colourful! You’d better get some old clothes on,” said Uncle Ravi to the children.

They quickly climbed upstairs to get changed.



“Don’t forget to take your new bracelet off,” Mum suggested to Sam.



“OK, Mum,” Sam replied as she searched for an old T-shirt.

When they arrived in the city, the streets were bursting with colour, music and cheering. Kit, Sam and Ankit squealed in delight as they threw the balloons and got covered in gulal.

As Sam raised her arm to throw her last handful of gulal, she noticed something was different...



She looked down at her wrist and realised her bracelet had gone!

She looked desperately at the ground around her feet but it was nowhere to be found.

On the walk home, Kit and Ankit couldn't stop talking about the fun they'd had.

Sam was quiet.



After they had cleaned the last of the coloured powder off, they got ready for the party.

“Oh, Sam, you could wear your new bracelet to the party tonight,” suggested Mum.

Sam just nodded weakly.



Later that evening, friends and neighbours began to arrive for the party. Music and chatter filled the house. Everyone was having fun, apart from Sam.

“Are you OK, Sam?” asked Dad, putting his arm around her.

“I’m fine,” Sam replied, forcing a smile.



Soon, it was bedtime. Sam had hardly said anything all evening.

“That was so much fun, wasn’t it? I loved the massive colour fight. And dancing with Ankit at the party... Sam? Are you awake?” asked Kit.

“I’m tired. I’m going to sleep,” Sam replied as she pulled up the covers.



The next morning, Mum pulled Kit aside. “Sam’s been a little quiet. Do you know what’s wrong?” she asked.

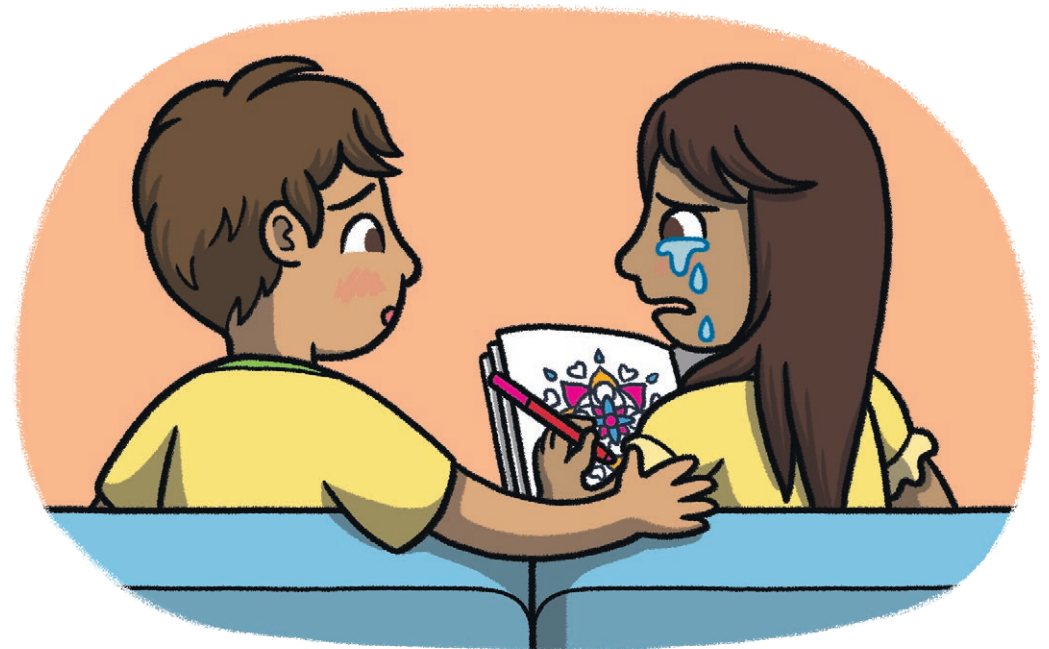
Kit thought to himself. Could it be because he had been spending so much time with Ankit? Maybe Sam was feeling left out. Kit was a bit worried.



He found Sam quietly drawing in the living room.

“I’m really sorry for leaving you out,” he said. “It’s just that we haven’t seen Ankit for ages and he’s really funny and—”

“It’s not that. I lost my bracelet at the colour fight,” blurted Sam. “Mum told me to take it off but I forgot and now it’s disappeared!” she sobbed.



Just then, Uncle Ravi called from the kitchen. “Kit! Sam! Would you like anything from the market before you head home?” he asked.

Kit had some money left. His eyes lit up. He had a plan.



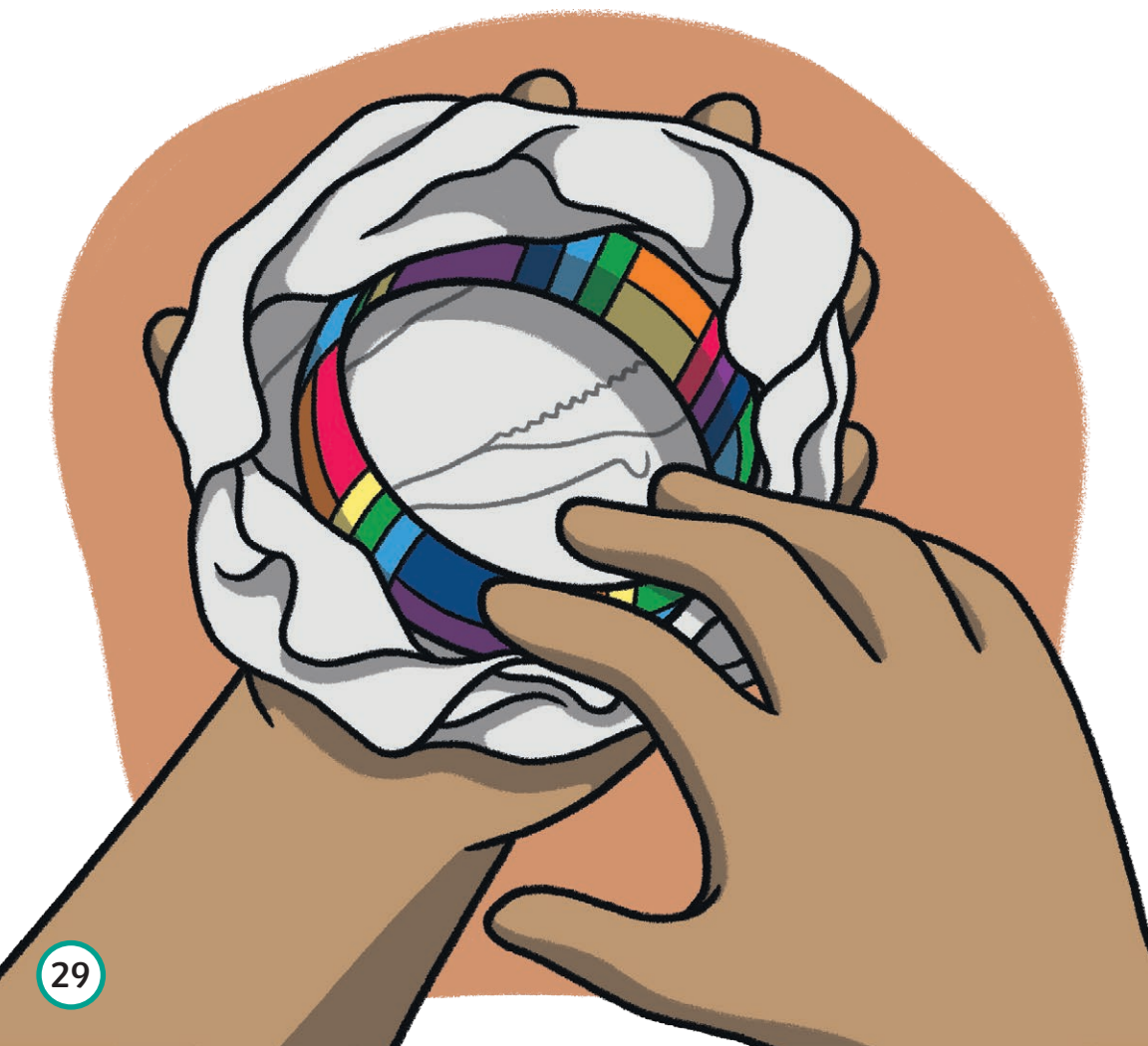
That evening, it was time to say goodbye. They all hugged as the bags were loaded into the taxi.



Mum turned to Sam. “I know what happened to your bracelet but I think Kit might have something that’ll cheer you up,” she said with a wink.

Kit felt in his backpack and pulled out a paper bag. "I had some money left over," he explained. "I asked Uncle Ravi to get this for you."

Sam opened the bag. Inside was a beautiful new bracelet.



Sam's smile stretched from ear to ear. "It's wonderful!" she exclaimed. "This one is even nicer than the one I lost."

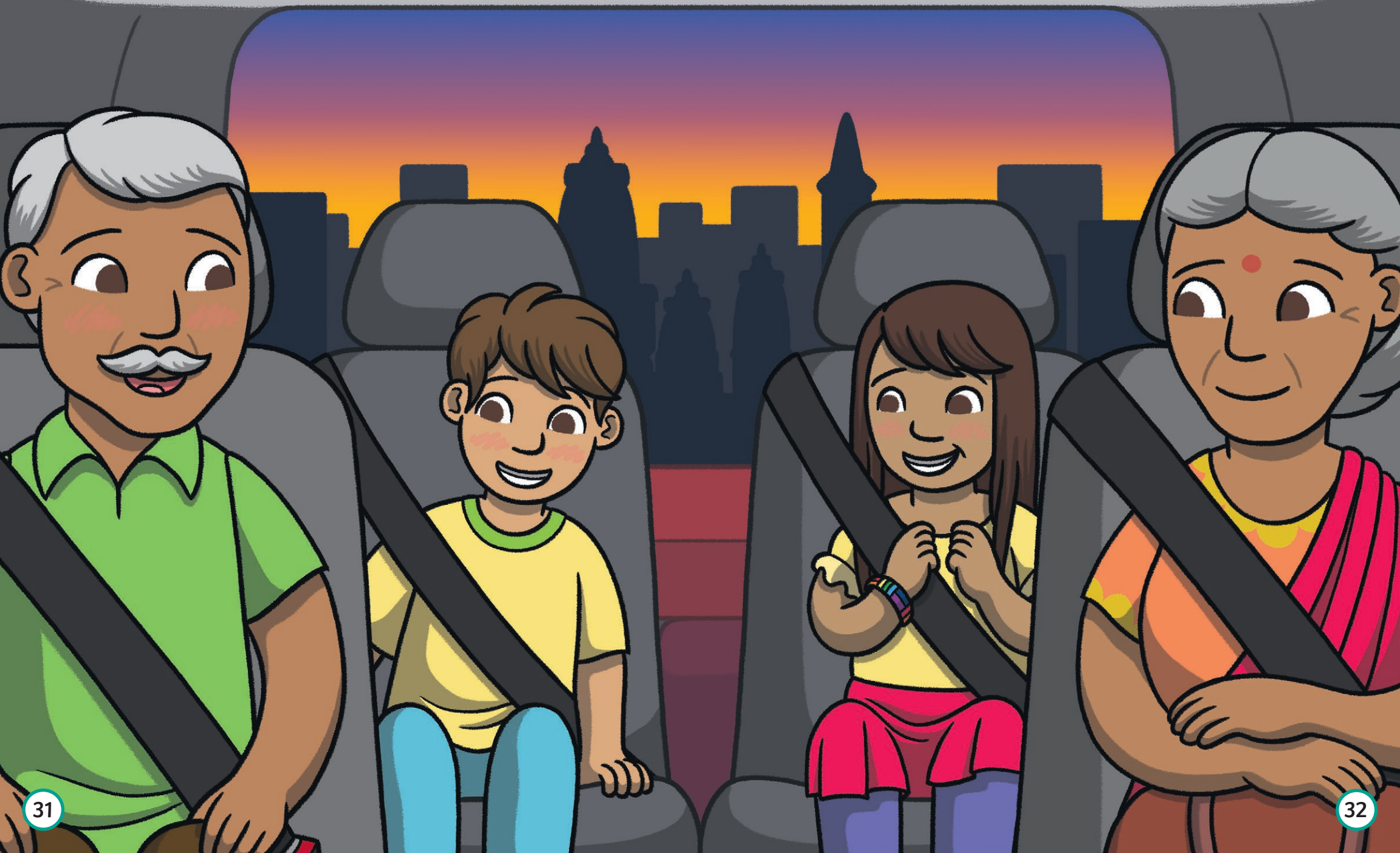
Kit beamed.

"I'll look after it really, really carefully," she told Kit. "You're the best brother in the whole world."



“So, what did you think of your first Holi celebrated in India?” asked Dada.

“We loved it! Can we come again next year?” replied Kit and Sam.





Read these pages to your child and complete the activities together.

Finish these sentences.

The story begins with...

On their trip to India, Kit and Sam were looking forward to...

At the temple, the children gave offerings of...

Kit thought Sam was being quiet because...

When Sam lost her bracelet, she felt...

?

Which words or phrases on page 9 help to describe what the market was like?

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Why do you think the title 'A Colourful Festival' was chosen for this story? Do you think it is a good title or not?

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Which part of Kit and Sam's trip would you most like to experience and why?

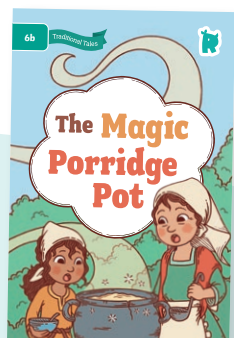


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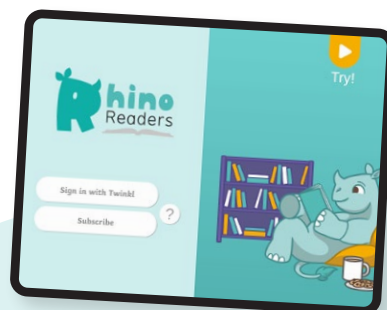
- Go on a 'Colour Scavenger Hunt' in your local area with a grown-up. Take photos of the different coloured things that you find. Can you find something for every colour in the rainbow?
- Carry out a random act of kindness for a friend or family member. It could be giving them a hug when they are sad or letting them go first in a game. How does it make you feel?



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When things go wrong for Sam, will Kit be able to save the day?



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